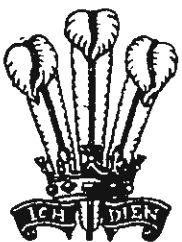


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SPRINGBOK 1986



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Colonel Meating, and all
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With all Good Wishes
for Christmas
and the New Year

from

Charles and Diana.



*This is the Christmas card received on behalf of all Dragoons, past and present,
by LCol R. G. Meating from our Colonel-in-Chief, Charles, Prince of Wales.*



COMMANDING OFFICER'S MESSAGE

This edition of The Springbok is a very significant one in the life of the Regiment and to me personally. To be appointed the 43rd Commanding Officer of the Dragoons is an event and a trust that I will remember and protect forever. This then is my first of two Commanding Officer's introductions to our family journal. It is also the last Commanding Officer's introduction from Deutschland, for by this time next year the Dragoons will have returned to Canada and to a previous home station Petawawa.

The close of seventeen years continuous service to NATO in Lahr will not be quickly forgotten by this Regiment. They have been good years – with many events of which all eras of Dragoons can be justifiably proud. The maintenance of tank skills through the 70s with the Centurion and into the 80s with the Leopard has been proudly the responsibility of serving Dragoons since 1970. Likewise the professional competence of the 4CMBG Recce Sqn has been a continual source of pride. The introduction of Leopard to replace Centurion, the winning of CAT 77, the full time stationing of three full tank squadrons in Europe and the celebration of our Centennial stand out among a myriad of pleasant, significant events. Throughout the last 17 years, Dragoons have had good soldiers from across the Corps in our ranks. We, the serving Dragoons, are stronger for that and hopefully our sister armoured regiments have also benefitted from the experience. Hundreds of Dragoons, even on return to Petawawa, will continue to call Germany and Lahr their home for

they are the soldiers and officers who have found happiness (their brides) here and/or started or added to their families here. These Dragoon families will retain an attachment to the Schwarzwald. To Lahr and our friends across Germany, specifically those with whom we have soldiered or maintained partnerships: auf wiedersehen, bonne chance, til we meet again.

The return to Petawawa will be a happy move. If the last 17 years have had any negative aspects to it, it has been that Dragoons have had trouble maintaining a close family relationship with one another in spite of hard and honest effort on everybody's part. The old guard and those serving on Extra Regimental duty have not been able to call upon the strength and support of the unit of serving Dragoons. The telephone line is considerably longer than it will be from Petawawa. I look at Petawawa as the opportunity of drawing together the many corners of the Regiment (retired and serving Dragoons; young and old).

I hope that you find Springbok 86 to your liking. There have been definite format and structure changes which hopefully will serve to record the year 1986 for posterity in an appealing manner. Major Moffat and his staff, drawn from across the Regiment, have done a very good job. The work of all contributors is much appreciated. After all, it is our exploits and our opinions that we want to record forever, so that in future years we can remember what we did and how we looked.

To the Dragoons who become Hussars this summer, I hate to leave but you will find life in the 8CH challenging and rewarding. To all the mechanics, carpenters, posties, medics, policemen, cooks, supply technicians, clerks and radio people who have contributed so much to Dragoon life in Germany, well done – you will always be welcome in The RCD wherever we may be. To the Hussars in Petawawa who become Dragoons this summer, I look forward to good soldiering with you.

I must use this opportunity to publicly express my thanks to our Colonel of the Regiment for his unselfish, never-ending, enthusiastic leadership. He has gone out of his way to reorganize his schedule to be with the serving Dragoons as often as possible; he has truly provided the bridge between serving and retired Dragoons and brought together all corners of the Regiment in the ceremonial uniform project. We, today, are as strong a family as we are because of his efforts.

To conclude, I would like to bid farewell to Regimental Sergeant Major George Martin who unfortunately must give up the RSM's cane this summer after two and one half years. Well done RSM and I'm certain that the Regiment will continue to be superbly represented by you in the wilds of Toronto and Central Militia Area. The new RSM has been named and is CWO Roy Lynk, who will assume his duties in Lahr in June to return with his Regiment to Petawawa. Welcome aboard Mr. Lynk.

R. G. Meating
Lieutenant-Colonel
Commanding Officer
The Royal Canadian Dragoons



REGIMENTAL SERGEANT MAJOR'S MESSAGE

Year two of my tour as your Regimental Sergeant Major has ended all too quickly for myself and family. Soon rotation will be upon us and members of the Regimental family will have received their posting instructions, some to Petawawa other to ERE positions and some, although rebadging, will be fortunate enough to remain in Germany. Lahr to many Dragoons is home, the Regiment having spend the past 17 years here. Many Officers and Men have served the Regiment well and I'm sure have fond memories tucked away in their hearts regardless of where they are now serving. The Regiment, with the move to Petawawa, is once again returning after an absence of thirty years. It will be returning with pride and an esprit de corps second to none, to accept the challenge of different taskings, equipments and many new faces. I, unfortunately for me, will not be returning with the Regiment to watch as you achieve new goals. I have thoroughly enjoyed my tour as RSM, made easier for me by dedicated professional soldiers and I wish to take this opportunity on behalf of myself and family to thank one and all and to wish all the best in the future for the Regiment. We'll see you in Petawawa. Good Shooting.

G. E. Martin
CWO, Regimental Sergeant Major

REGIMENTAL COMMANDING OFFICERS

<i>J. F. Turnbull</i>	21 Dec 1883 – 1 Nov 1895	<i>H. A. Phillips, OBE, CD</i>	9 Apr 1946 – 9 Jan 1949
<i>F. L. Lenard, CB</i>	2 Nov 1895 – 31 Mar 1907	<i>G. J. H. Wattsford, CD</i>	10 Jan 1949 – 21 May 1951
<i>U.A.S. Williams, CMG, ADC</i>	1 Apr 1902 – 30 Nov 1912	<i>J. F. Merner, CD</i>	22 May 1951 – 6 Dec 1953
<i>C. N. Nelles</i>	1 Dec 1912 – 14 Mar 1917	<i>E.A.C. Army,</i>	
<i>C. T. Van Straubenzee, MID</i>	15 Mar 1917 – 9 Oct 1918	<i>DSO, OBE, MC, CD</i>	7 Dec 1953 – 6 Sep 1956
<i>T. R. G. Newcomen, MC</i>	11 Oct 1918 – 2 Apr 1919	<i>A. L. Brady, DSO, CD</i>	7 Sep 1956 – 8 Mar 1959
<i>W. H. Bell, DSO, MID</i>	3 Apr 1919 – 17 Jun 1919	<i>J. S. Unher, CD</i>	9 Mar 1959 – 18 Jan 1961
<i>A. McMillan, DSO</i>	18 Jun 1919 – 2 Feb 1920	<i>M. H. Bateman, CD</i>	19 Jan 1961 – 8 Aug 1963
<i>F. Gilman, DSO</i>	3 Feb 1920 – 30 Sep 1924	<i>P. V. B. Grieve, CD</i>	9 Aug 1963 – 2 Aug 1965
<i>W. H. Bell, DSO, MID</i>	1 Oct 1924 – 2 Jun 1927	<i>W. T. E. Finan, CD</i>	3 Aug 1965 – 21 Aug 1967
<i>D. B. Bowie, DSO (Major)</i>	3 Jun 1927 – 17 Nov 1931	<i>C. G. Kitchen, CD</i>	22 Aug 1967 – 3 Aug 1969
<i>R. S. Timmir, DSO</i>	18 Nov 1931 – 31 Oct 1936	<i>R. D. Gron, CD</i>	4 Aug 1969 – 14 Jun 1970
<i>E. L. Caldwell, MID</i>	1 Nov 1936 – 30 Jun 1941	<i>P. H. L. Carew, CD</i>	15 Jun 1970 – 9 Jul 1972
<i>R. Moss, MC (Major)</i>	1 Jul 1941 – 13 Jul 1941	<i>R. J. Brown, CD</i>	10 Jul 1972 – 11 Jul 1974
<i>J. H. Larocque, CD (Major)</i>	14 Jul 1941 – 1 Aug 1941	<i>J. K. Dangerfield, CD</i>	12 Jul 1974 – 10 Jul 1976
<i>W. E. Gillespie</i>	2 Aug 1941 – 12 Feb 1942	<i>C. Milner, CD</i>	11 Jul 1976 – 11 Jul 1978
<i>J.D.B. Smith, CBE, DSO, CD</i>	13 Feb 1941 – 22 Jun 1942	<i>G. J. O'Connor, CD</i>	12 Jul 1978 – 26 Jun 1980
<i>J. F. Birgham, OBE, MID</i>	29 Jun 1942 – 13 Feb 1944	<i>C. J. Addy, CD</i>	27 Jun 1980 – 25 Jun 1982
<i>K. D. Landell, DSO</i>	14 Feb 1944 – 5 Nov 1945	<i>D. M. Dean, CD</i>	28 Jun 1982 – 22 Jun 1984
<i>J.P. Gauthier, DSO, CD (Major)</i>	6 Nov 1945 – 12 Dec 1945	<i>D. J. Graham, CD</i>	22 Jun 1984 – 25 Jun 1986
<i>J. E. Fuger (Major)</i>	13 Dec 1945 – 6 Apr 1946	<i>R. G. Meating, CD</i>	25 Jun 1986 –

REGIMENTAL SERGEANTS – MAJOR

<i>W. Dingley</i>	1898 – 1899	<i>C. W. Smith</i>	1949 – 1952
<i>J. C. Page</i>	1900 – 1906	<i>A. Price, MBE</i>	1952 – 1954
<i>J. Widgery</i>	1907 – 1912	<i>C. W. Smith</i>	1954 – 1957
<i>I. F. Lee</i>	1912 – 1923	<i>P. A. Forgrave, DCM, CD</i>	1957 – 1962
<i>T. Leblond</i>	1913 – 1914	<i>J. Getty, CD</i>	1962 – 1964
<i>E. A. Steer</i>	1914 – 1915	<i>J. Thomson, CD</i>	1964 – 1966
<i>G. F. Berteau</i>	1915	<i>L. A. Milberry, CD</i>	1966 – 1968
<i>T. A. James</i>	1915 – 1917	<i>F. J. Harnois</i>	1968 –
<i>C. W. Smith</i>	(Toronto) 1918 – 1925	<i>E. A. Brown, MMM, CD</i>	1968 – 1970
<i>G. W. Dore</i>	(St. John) 1918 – 1925	<i>H. S. Graham, CD</i>	1970 – 1971
<i>G. D. Churchward, MM</i>	1925 – 1929	<i>E. A. Brown, MMM, CD</i>	1971 – 1973
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<i>F. Wardell, DCM</i>	1931 – 1934	<i>G. R. Bennett, CD</i>	1975 – 1978
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<i>L. Nichol</i>	1941 – 1942	<i>G. E. Martin, CD</i>	1985 –
<i>L. F. Russel, MBE</i>	1942 – 1948		

THE YEAR IN REVIEW



January
Bold face EX REFORGER 86



February
Brigade Ski School



March
*Regimental Gunnery Training
Regimental Gun Camp*



April
Officers' visit to Moreuil Wood
EX SNAKEBITE

May
Visit to the Belgian Armoured School
Adventure Training in Italy
Cycle tour in Belgium



June
Boselager 86
Regimental Change of Command



July
*Rotation 86
 Nijmegen Marches*



August
*Munsingen FTX
 Hohenfels FTX
 EX REBEL SADDLE II*



September
Brigade Sports Competition



October
*Regimental Battle Group FTX
 Brigade FTX
 4 Panzergrenadier Division FTX*



November
*Leliefontein Celebrations
 Regimental Triathlon*



December
*Unit PCF courses
 Regimental Gun Camp –
 Grafenwöhr*



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2nd Row: WO G. Carpenter, WO Y. Damphousse, Sgt S. MacMillan, Sgt J. Orr, Sgt P. Brousseau, Sgt H. Hauschildt, Sgt D. Smith, Sgt F. Madill, WO W. Boone.

3rd Row: Tpr S. Chartier, Cpl S. Joseph, Cpl K. Latam, MCpl S. McNicholl, Cpl D. Asselin, Tpr G. Tonneguzzo, Tpr C. Paradis, Tpr E. Parlee, Cpl A. Wiggins, Cpl G. Clarke, Cpl J. Morrison, Tpr S. Smith, Tpr G. Knight, Cpl T. Jordan.

4th Row: Cpl D. Duchesne, MCpl S. Dumas, Tpr G. Browne, Tpr A. St-Aubin, Tpr M. Piercey, Tpr R. MacKeage, Cpl G. Trepanier, MCpl K. Stovold, Tpr R. Gauvin, Cpl I. Urquhart, Cpl R. Hodder, MCpl T. Webber, Cpl K. Gilliard, MCpl W. Visneskie, Cpl E. MacKay.

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ston, Tpr P. Whitlock, Cpl M. Lirette, Cpl L. Cormier, Tpr R. Thibault, MCpl K. Monaghan, Tpr G. Duffney, MCpl J. Vandenberg, Cpl D. Delorey, Cpl M. Menard.

6th Row: Cpl J. Belanger, MCpl J. Alexander, Tpr R. Chaisson, Tpr S. George, Cpl P. McLaughlin, MCpl C. Duke, Cpl R. Baril, Tpr M. Ryan, Tpr T. Pepperdine, Tpr P. Friday, Tpr D. Nurse, Tpr N. Reid, Cpl G. Gagnon, Cpl G. Lanneville, MCpl T. McAuley, Tpr R. Findlay.

7th Row: MCpl D. Kell, Tpr J. Parsons, Cpl J. Wheeler, MCpl L. Lavoie, Cpl R. Cermel, Tpr T. Peebles, Tpr J. Albert, Tpr S. Luneau, MCpl K. Jones, Tpr M. Klaus, Cpl P. Charbonneau, Tpr N. Yelle, MCpl C. Ross.

Missing: Lt S. Young, WO R. Hopkins, Sgt R. Langley, MCpl A. Adams, MCpl J. Desrochers, Cpl S. Beirnes, Cpl D. Chaisson, Cpl C. Gore, Cpl G. Lloyd, Tpr R. Abram, Tpr K. Murphy, Tpr G. Roach, Tpr J. Roode.

A SQUADRON

To say the least, this year has been one of change for A Squadron. To begin with, the squadron deployed for winter exercise in January, which quickly changed into an exercise in patience, as the winter season more closely resembled the monsoon. In the end, the squadron lived quite comfortably in farms and gasthofs and our clothes wound up much more dampened than our spirits.

Not to be put off by a little rain, the squadron then deployed for gun camp in March, only to find that the fog had deployed as well, and that the daily lottery was to become the order of the day. Had Trooper Spittal not won every draw but one, the lottery would have been quite exciting for the rest of us. (The one he did not win was for the doc's bicycle, and we had to give that back, anyway.) Actually, some fine firing was witnessed, with 2 Troop carrying off top honours in the squadron competition.

The squadron came home from gun camp to head the Leopard Driving and Maintenance Course for the regiment under Capt Maillet and WO Carpenter, and to conduct troop and small arms training. A trip to the Belgian Armoured School and troop-level adventure training rounded out the Spring season.

In June, it was time for more changes. A Squadron participated in the regimental change of command ceremonies, and, after bidding farewell to departing members, bore witness to a major overhaul of its own ranks. Six new officers and a large majority of francophones came on strength, a welcome addition in light of the upcoming exercises in the Fall.



4 Troop on sentry.

After ironing out the kinks in Munsingen and after being introduced to the infantry during a R22eR exercise, A Squadron set out for EX REBEL SADDLE II. It was here that the "language-hopping radio" concept was born, much to the consternation (read, "confusion") of many. "Through the mud and the mud to the green mud beyond", was the cry of the day as the squadron dodged lasers and pot-holes from one end of the training area to the other. The occasional exercise in fog night navigation also proved fairly amusing.

FALLEX 86 was one of many changes as well. For instance, it was here that MCpl Webber and the dozer tank redefined the meaning of "route-clearing" by taking it literally, much to the dismay of the Marder crew that was shoved into the ditch. When Rambo began to wear thin, A Squadron changed its movies with B Squadron, and the week-end routine was spent watching Rocky V instead. It was during FALLEX that the novel concept of the "semi-tactical harbour" came into being. This proved to be quite popular with our sentries, who could crouch in the bushes and listen to Flashdance at the same time, while waiting to be taken to town for a shower and a pizza before walking to bed using a red filtered light.

With field training now behind it, the squadron then concentrated on washing the field out of its vehicles in preparation for the Leliefontein celebrations. The parade went well, and A Squadron walked away with the commanding officer's pennant for winning the Ironman competition. I was then the turn of the procrastinators to panic as those last shopping days before Christmas were spent on the ranges in Grafenwöhr. (I wonder how many American rain coats were given away as last minute stocking stuffers?)

As 1986 drew to a close, a completely new squadron heralded the new year. Even with all the change, it was obvious that it was a change for the better.



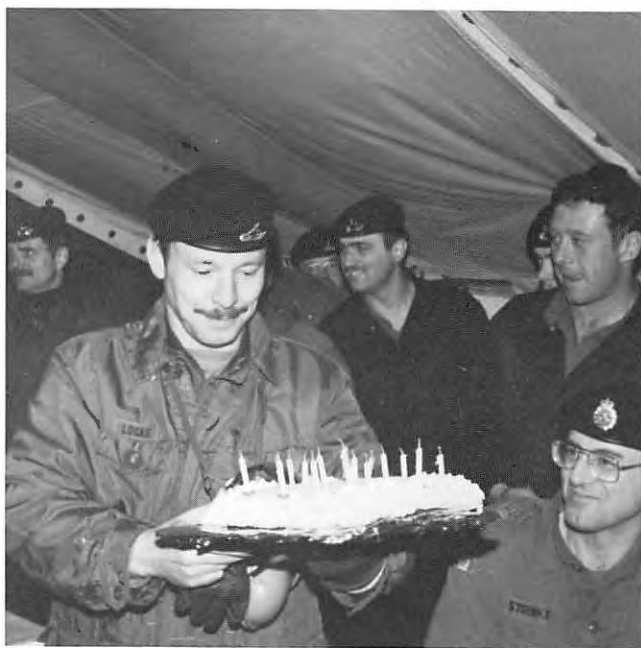
A meal fit for a King. "Here, King."



WO Damphousse on a volksmarch.



Tpr Clarke joins 1 Troop in some light exercise.



Sgt Locke celebrates his 19th birthday – again.



"Now let's get this straight: A . . . B . . . C . . ."



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MCpl Donovan plays Connect-the-Dots during a quiet period.



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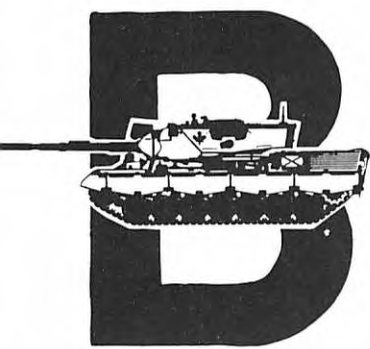
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3rd Row: Tpr Wyatt, Tpr Inglis, Tpr Casselman, Tpr Bergeron, Tpr Nicholson, Cpl Caron, Tpr Heath, Tpr Snook, Cpl Tokar, Tpr Bruce, Cpl Poitras, Cpl Mathieu, Cpl Williams, MCpl Slack, Cpl Bouchard, MCpl Cambridge, MCpl Girard Tpr Childs.

2nd Row: Cpl Screen, Cpl Comtois, MCpl Reid, Cpl MacDonald, MCpl Doiron, MCpl Rowe, Cpl Merchant, MCpl Turbide, Tpr Dennis, Cpl Carrière, Tpr Marshall, MCpl Gauthier, Cpl Wilson, Cpl McGuire, Tpr Johnston, MCpl Thomas, Tpr Parkinson, Tpr Pilote.

Front Row: Capt Splane, Lt Richardson, Lt Nadeau, Lt Derible, Lt Russell, Capt Ward MJ, Capt Ward PG, Maj Macdonald, MWO Prendergast, WO Hannan, WO Murdoch, WO Roberts, Sgt Hammel, Sgt Breau, Sgt Ritchie, Sgt Boutilier, WO Rousseau.

Persons missing from photo: WO Scott, Sgt Stewart, MCpl Ellis, MCpl Menard, Cpl Paul, Cpl Duchesne, Cpl Audet, MCpl Benoit, Cpl Courtiol, Cpl Keachie, Cpl Lacelle, Cpl Doiron, Sgt Dalton, Tpr Giroux, Cpl Willis, Tpr Bamford, Cpl Atkins, Cpl Cote C. H., Sgt Burke, Tpr Savelli, Tpr Rankin, Cpl Martin, Cpl Lamoureux, MCpl McNutt, MCpl Longmuir, Tpr Anjowski, WO Reynolds, MCpl Keating, Tpr Buchanan, Tpr Milligan, Tpr Pothier, Tpr Gaisson, Cpl Degerness.

B SQUADRON

1986 brought a new dimension to B Sqn not to mention many new faces. Maj Macdonald assumed command in June, taking over from Maj Forsyth, who travelled to Headquarters Sqn. Also arriving in June were the Ward Brothers, Captain and Captain, to take over as BC and AO. Complimenting this trio was the arrival of SSM Prendergast, recently promoted and raring to go.

With such a new cast of aspiring individuals, B Sqn was primed and ready to tackle any problem, large or small. Munsingen and Hohenfels seemed like a good place to start, so B Sqn loaded up the tanks and moved to Beverly, Munsingen that is, Hohenfels.

With a week of troop training scheduled as a warm up to Rebel Saddle, Troop Leaders and Warrants prepared rigorous and thought provoking training. The week of training was a success as Sqn and Troop SOPs were rehearsed and C/S 21 survived it's run-in with the trees! Needless to say, the Sqn felt confident, as it entered the realm of the Miles System, and prepared for battle during Rebel Saddle.

Sept symbolized FALLEX preparations, with vehicle and CF inspections the order of the day! A Regimental Harriers race was held with B Sqn claiming the CO's pennant for the lowest aggregate score.

October brought on FALLEX, however, before deployment, the Sqn held an inter-troop military skills tabloid. It was a hard fought race, with many members discovering how hard it is to swim in combats! 3 Troop walked away with top honours, with 4 Troop nipping at their heels. A Regimental tabloid was held the following week, with the CO's Pennant on the line. B Sqn performed with precision, however came up 1 point short, losing the Pennant to C Sqn. Who says close only counts in horseshoes and hand grenade tosses – right Lt Russell?

FALLEX brought yet another opportunity for B Sqn to strutt its stuff, as it deployed to Northern Germany to begin operations. Advance to contact, defensive positions, and withdrawals were rehearsed, until were confident with their application. Bridges were crossed, defiles were cleared as nothing stood in our way (not even tractors, buses, or curbs) as we chased the hords of enemy marders withdrawing down the chicken routes. FALLEX was pronounced a success by all involved with B Sqn, and by all reports, should be even better next year!

On return from FALLEX, life as an RCD was a hectic one, as Leliefontein celebrations quickly approached. Gone were those lazy FALLEX weekends, as all members put their nose to the grindstone in preparation for the annual celebration. Leliefontein was again a huge success, with a fun-filled triathalon and all ranks dance to cap off a very busy week of activities.

December, a month of good cheer, eggnog and annual leave, was a welcome sight to all. The Sqn Christmas party was a big success with a nightful of fun and comradeship enjoyed by all. Christmas however, was a little different than those in the past, as the Regiment held a mini gun camp in Grafenwöhr in preparation for CAT 87. Valuable lessons were gained in Grafenwöhr as pers familiarized themselves with several possible CAT ranges.

The New Year brought with it another basic gunners course, which B Sqn ably supported, and was highlighted with the GOC inspection. The inspection went very well, as the Bde Commander expressed his satisfaction with the readiness of the unit in his final address.

February was ATI month, a usually hectic time, however this year was somewhat calm in comparison to past inspections as B Sqn pulled together to put forth a huge effort. That effort paid off, as all C/S in the sqn received an excellent rating with 2B achieving a No Fault rating. Once finished with ATI, it was back to Bergen Hohne for mini gun camp. Commissioning and battle runs were completed in preparation for April's Regimental gun camp.

Rounding out this year's activities was Sqn Ski Week. The Sqn was blessed with a fantastic week of clear skies and sunny conditions as all pers refined newly acquired skills and sampled the excitement associated with downhill racing.

1986–87 has been an exciting and very rewarding year. Once again it was proven that B stands for Best, and the members of the Sqn look forward to the challenge of 1987 and the chance to prove again who's Best.



Come on MCpl Ellis, they only have five men!



CPL "RAMBO" Brisebois.



If I were you Sir, I would do it this way.



MCpl Slack, where are we?



*Tpr Savelli
befriends local beauties during Fall Ex.*



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WO Rousseau attempts to explain the difference between a Marder and a Chicken Route, Good Luck!



Lt Russel, MCpl McNutt, Sgt Breau and WO Murdoch exchange answers during Sqn Military Tabloid.



Tpr Buchanan and Cpl Horvath observe, while Tpr Hamilton slowly consumes another beer!



Small problem Tpr Bamford?



Once again, B Sqn demonstrates the hardships of field training.

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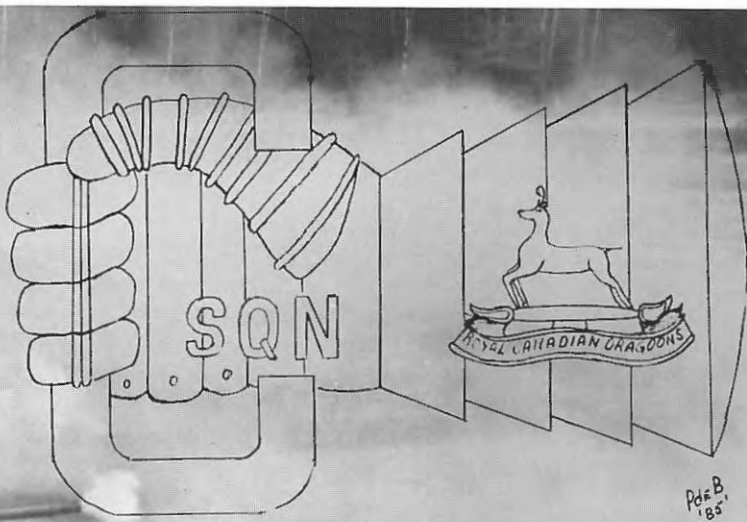
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Front Row (Left to Right): Sgt Kendall, 2 Lt Louri, 2 Lt Angel, 2 Lt Lacroix, Lt Milner, Capt MacDowell, Maj Hillier, SSM MacNeil, Capt Waters, WO Clarke, WO Lambert, WO Beaton, WO Smith, Sgt Saunders.

Second Row (Left to Right): Sgt Bull, Sgt Dedrick, MCpl Godden, Cpl Magee, Tpr Brown, Tpr Stacey, Tpr McConville, MCpl MacRae, Cpl Courbetis, Cpl Beaudry, MCpl Speck, Cpl Roberge, Cpl Dubois, Cpl Neville, Cpl Dubois, Tpr Johnson, Cpl Blouin, Cpl Ryan, Tpr Duffney, Cpl Tremblay, Cpl MacGrevor, Sgt Comeau, Sgt McGee, WO Albright.

Third Row (Left to Right): Cpl Paquin, Tpr Therien, MCpl St. Denis, MCpl McGrean, Tpr Wright, Cpl Walsh, Tpr Payne, MCpl O'Quinn, Cpl Whelan, Cpl Lane, Cpl MacDonald, Cpl Aumais, Cpl Pender,

MCpl Jolin, MCpl Lamer, Cpl Marier, Cpl Redmond, Cpl Pringle, Cpl Drescher, Cpl Butt, Cpl Atkinson, Cpl Leboeuf.

Back Row (Left to right): Cpl Claveau, Cpl Bemister, Cpl Miller, Cpl Ward, Cpl Stringovits, Tpr Poirier, Cpl Gardner, Cpl Chouinard, MCpl Ramm, Cpl Cyr, Tpr Coffin, Cpl Rasmussen, MCpl Robbins, Cpl Norman, Cpl Quesnes, MCpl Welton, Cpl Dumas, Tpr Tate, Tpr Risk, Cpl Cote, Tpr Hoppe, Tpr MacDougall.

Missing: Cpl Brulotte, Cpl Clark, Tpr Collier, MCpl Conney, Sgt Deny, Tpr Dubois, WO Gabriel, MCpl Gardiner, Tpr Harvey, MCpl Head, Cpl Jolette, Tpr Laursen, MCpl Moris, Tpr Muralt, Cpl Pank, Cpl Praught, Tpr Richards, Tpr Saunders.

C SQUADRON



1986 was a fantastic year for C Squadron; from January's ATI results to December's ranges at Grafenwöhr to an adventure training exercise that was the envy of the Brigade, C Squadron displayed its ability to both work and play hard.

January found the Squadron waiting for the official results of ATI. On 13 January the results were announced; C Squadron had topped the ATI in the Regiment. The crews of 32 and 33C won well deserved ski weeks for their excellent results. January was also the month of the exercise that wasn't, or, "What of they had a war and only 4 CMBG showed up". While waiting for Endex, a farmer found SHQ one day, the complete echelon the next, and finally nearly the entire Squadron in his courtyard.

While the Squadron was thawing out in February, the priorities were set on gunnery and SCUBA training. In preparation for adventure training, a lot of pool time was logged and at the same time the SSM and the SQMS WO Braye flogged anything and everything to pay for it.

The beginning of March saw the Staff College at the "North Marg" for a combat team demonstration. C Squadron showed great enthusiasm during the infamous "sod turing" in front of N-50. Needles to say the grass did not have to be cut for a long time, and the RSM and Base Ops Officer were a little upset.

Gun Camp in March saw C Squadron rising to the top by winning the RAMS HEAD trophy. Gun Camp also saw the presentation of many "Dink of the Day" awards and "cultural exchanges" with Hamburg and the Royal Green Jackets.

In April and May C Squadron geared up for EX POSEIDON I, the Squadron's adventure training. A year of preparation and training culminated in a glorious 10 day diving (SCUBA, not Swan!) expedition in Italy. In May the Squadron ensured that Recce and 444 Helicopter Squadrons kept on their toes in EX SNAKE BITE 86.

The summer saw the first major shake up in the Squadron's history. Lt Allin, Lt Wells, Capt Bech, Capt Macdonald and the SSM, MWO "Tooner" Martin all moved on. Rotation brought us Capts MacDowall and Waters, and SSM McNeil. Sooner than expected, the summer

was over and we were on the trains bound for Munsingen. After Troop and Squadron work-ups, we headed for Hohenfels where three new Troop Leaders joined us – 2Lts Angel, Kouri and Lacroix. Hohenfels saw the Squadron "Taking the black tracks and Kicking Ass". In EX REBEL SADDLE, C Squadron made its reputation in the Brigade by out-manoeuvring and hammering everything it encountered in its path.

September saw the Squadron gearing up for Fallex and the Super Soldier Competition. From molotov cocktails to tanks rumbling over occupied slit trenches, the competition tested our soldiers in all aspects of soldiering. Cpl Christensen and MCpl Johnston won the crewman categories, while Cpl Magee was the top non-crewman (made slightly easier by the fact that Cpl Magee was the only non-crewman participating).

At the start of Fallex, C Squadron's "Combat Recce Patrol", consisting of the Lynx, Dozer and Iltis, raised havoc across the front as C Squadron played enemy for the Regiment. MCpl Lamer and his band of merry-men will remember Fallex for the train that left early.

Phantom 32 and MCpl Speck enjoyed a week of sun-bathing while waiting for repairs. They returned to the Squadron, valiant warriors, exhausted from their trying ordeal. The end of Fallex saw us in some bizarre and novel combat team groupings and all agreed that it was certainly time to go home. After a month of pig farms and a frustrating 8 hour load at Weiden, we were finally on our way.

After Fallex the Squadron cleaned up for Leliefontein and prepared for the Regimental Tabloid Sports Competition. Lt Milner and WO Clarke led our team to a first place finish. After the Leliefontein celebrations the Squadron ran a Leopard D&M course for the Regiment, and Cpl Roberge from 1 Troop emerged as top driver.

The week before Christmas found C Squadron at Grafenwöhr for a Mini Gun Camp. Each crew put in a series of battle runs on the proposed CAT Ranges. Overall the Squadron shot well and set a positive tone for the coming CAT year. Midway through the gun camp Lt Milner said goodbye to bachelor life with a spectacular Regimental Wedding.

1986 was an extremely successful year for C Squadron. From Gun Camp to Italy to Grafenwöhr we worked and played hard. The Regimental rotation will unfortunately cause the demise of "C" Squadron RCD, after a short, aggressive and fulfilling two years of permanent existence in Lahr. Hopefully the tradition of energy and accomplishment will be further realized in Petawawa.

"C" FORCE



C Sqn is desperately short of troop lift vehicles. (Cpl Marier, Cpl Dubois, Cpl Lane, Tpr Risk, Cpl Roberge).



Capt Waters displays the necessary medication for coping with stress.



WO Clarke practises his "Marlboro man look" with Sgt Dery scoring.



"I told you to put the drain in the sump before we put the engine back in!" (Tpr Jaehrling, Cpl Norman, Cpl Ryan).



Lt Milner displays his obvious distaste with WO Beaton's plan for Sqn training in Munsingen. On right, Maj Hillier.



"And I thought the OC could walk on water". (WO Beaton, Tpr Claveau, Tpr Tremblay).

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Front Row (Left to Right): Sgt Wright, Sgt Watts, Lt Maki, Sgt Fischer, Lt Barnett, WO Draper, Capt Roach, SSM Seed, Maj Gorman, Capt Ryder Burbidge, WO McGowan, Lt Follwell, WO Elvin, Sgt Corbiel, Sgt Whelan.

Second Row (Left to Right): Cpl Adam, Cpl Tremblay, Cpl Watson, Cpl Perrera, MCpl Tryhorn, MCpl D'Allaire, Tpr Hurst, Tpr Goguen, MCpl Williams, MCpl Douglas, Tpr Raiche, Tpr Taylor, Cpl Thivierge, Cpl Nickerson, MCpl Grover, Tpr Gelinas, MCpl Dahr, Tpr Coda, Tpr Chisolm, MCpl Evans, Tpr Bush, Cpl Delorme, Tpr Birch, Cpl Fiorentino, Tpr Piller.

Third Row (Left to Right): Tpr Dubord, Cpl Peckover, Tpr Brimner, Tpr Hotte, Cpl Lumley, Tpr Nof-tall, Cpl Gorley, Tpr Bacon, MCpl MacNeil, Tpr Hoddard, Cpl McAuley, MCpl Dunseath, Tpr Thompson, Cpl Wiseman, Cpl Berubé, Cpl Jans, Tpr Munday, Cpl Weber.

Fourth Row (Left to Right): Tpr Penny, Cpl Veillette, MCpl Ringma, Sgt Marchand, MCpl Swains-bury, MCpl Jones, Tpr Rama, Cpl Cameron, Cpl Laforte, Cpl Bell, Cpl Manseau, Cpl McKinnon, Tpr Gough, Cap Sasseville, Cpl Allinson, Tpr Williams, MCpl Thompson.

RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON

By January 1986, Recce Squadron had established itself in the minds of the regiment and brigade. No longer the "augmentation squadron", it had become a fully-participating member of the Dragoon family and had done its job as the brigade reconnaissance squadron. After the Christmas/New Year's break, its main focus was . . .

REFORGER 86! Along with the rest of the brigade, the squadron deployed for the winter exercise amidst rumours which ran the gamut between complete deployment, to attenuated exercise to immediate re-deployment. In the end, the Bavarian weather won and the squadron's soldiers had lost the opportunity to participate in what had promised to be a demanding, interesting exercise. After all, how often does Recce Sqn get to defend within sector? Our losses were cut somewhat by the fact that SHQ and the troop leaders did "turn track" on what the Americans call a CFX. If nothing else, it gave us a chance to vet, refine and change some internal SOPs. We also got to sleep in a cave in what came to be known as our "hole-down position". So . . .

When we returned to garrison, we remembered . . . a new year had started and there were bags of things to get done. Lt Mike Barnett's 2nd Tp had a Mine Warfare and Demolitions course to run in February. With some excellent support from 4 CER, the course proved to be valuable for 20-plus members of the regiment. Lt Rob Russell's 3rd Tp became the Boeselager Tp and started a training plan designed by the AO/LO (Lt Jim McKillip) after REFORGER. The squadron officers' calendar included combat team seminars, Brigade Study Week and a study of/visit to Moreuil Wood and Vimy Ridge. While the latter was happening, the Senior NCOs were getting the troops ready for . . .

Regimental Gun Camp! Ah yes – Bergen-Hohne in March. It was the first time that most of us had been there, and even though we didn't have 105 millimeters worth of gun to fire, we did kill a lot of defenseless objects with grenades, rifles, Carl G, M72s, SMGs and machine guns. We also created an administrative monster for the SSM – five ranges to administer concurrently. But MWO Doug Seed slew the beast in his usual calm, organized manner. The whole issue culminated in the patrol battle run competition which was planned and run by Capt Geoff Hall (Sqn 2IC) and WO Lee Topp (Sqn Gunnery WO). For the record, and because they deserve it, the best crew result was a tie between call-sign 42D (MCpl Evans, Tpr Morris, Tpr Miller) and call-sign 60A (Sgt Hopkins, Cpl Hodder, Tpr Robbins). Best Patrol went to Sgt Hopkins' crew along with their winners in 60D (MCpl Ramm, Cpl Hebert, Tpr Doucet). The most points by troop went to 2nd Tp. From gun camp, we went to 4-play . . .

444-play that is! While the tank squadrons were adventure training, Recce Sqn exercised with 444 Tac Hel Sqn. In April we went to the SCHRAMBERG-OBERNDORF area to do EX EAGLE EYE, an airground reconnaissance refresher. In May, we added some American attack helicopters into the equation and took on C Sqn and the Van-Doo recce platoon on EX SNAKEBITE. This took place in the area north of NORDLINGEN and a lot of good lessons were learned regarding the use of attack helicopters and operations against tanks. The next step was . . .

JUNE 86! Our Boeselager team gave their all in a very tough competition against some pretty sizeable organizations with a lot of support. It was also rotation month . . . rotation parties, change of command, and new faces in the squadron. Thirty-seven new people to get "recce-bent". New crews to get ready for . . .

Munsingen, Hohenfels and EX REBEL SADDLE (August) and regimental, brigade and divisional exercises (October – November). Some images from this period linger on . . . Cpl Nickerson playing left-field in fighting order . . . Cpl Tryhorn's "semi-tactical suit" . . . Sgt Fischer's "Odyssey in the North" . . . crossing an unprepared ford site under fire. As well, some questions still persist. Did Lt Allin really change track more often than a cross-country skier? Has WO McGowan finally found "his colour" in cam paint? Has MCpl Ringma found a better way to refer to GIPs? Will Lt Follwell and crew get submariners' pay? Is Cameron really blonder than Barnett?

And so, in a few paragraphs, that was the year that was. 1986 . . . it was a good year to be in recce. But then, what year isn't?



"Hurry up, I'm late for lunch."



"I love these four-star hotels."



"Does anyone have a pail handy?"



"He really doesn't do it on purpose, sir, Honest!"



"Fifty on parade, sir! (There's a real nice one in the red dress.)"



"It is our job to search out the best locations for the brigade – Gentlemen, I give you the biggest beach in the area."



"Do you think we should tell him about Switzerland?"

REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS

What and who is RHQ? That question has been on everybody's lips at one time or another - especially in HQ Sqn. Yes HQ Sqn, we do belong to you.

We are a conglomerate of people who work directly for the CO, providing him with the personnel, equipment and expertise to enable him to easily and efficiently command the unit. In garrison we are spread over three floors of N-40 and include personnel from Signals, the ROR, Regt Housing, Regt Accounts, Regt Police, RHQ Recce and RHQ Command. In the field we are even more spread out - from rear party through B Echelon to the tank squadrons and beyond. If you think that's confusing, you should be the SQMS of HQ Sqn trying to resupply and feed us.

RHQ is everywhere. Call sign 60 "recces" for the tank squadrons; 89K, 91C and 91D "observe" the QM in B Echelon; OA and OB "listen" to everybody; 96 and 96A provide surveillance into semi-tactical towns; 91I, 91J and 9E "rove around" dispatching and liaising all over the place and 9, 94 and 9J pop-up at the most inopportune times. And we go on everything. Last year RHQ participated, alone or with other parts of the Regiment, in the following:

- a. Jan 86 - EX CERTAIN SENTINAL (it only snowed on the move to the trains);
- b. May 86 - Gun Camp (what do you mean, the fording site is frozen?);
- c. Aug 86 - EX SERENE SHEEP in Munsingen (fill in the trenches RHQ, we are moving again and again and again...);
- d. Aug 86 - EX REBEL SADDLE in Hohenfels (get the Sig O, the CO can't talk to anybody - again);
- e. Sep 86 - EX CARBINE SIGHT (the 2IC wants to bring **what** from Lahr?);
- f. Oct 86 - EX RUTHLESS SAFARI (don't worry, the portable toilets will be here tomorrow);
- g. Oct 86 - EX BUNTES FAHNLEIN (get ready Int Sect - another 46 traces to copy);
- h. Nov 86 - Grafenwöhr (everything stop - we are going to option 25, or is it 26 ?); and
- k. All the time - Dog and Pony Shows (what do you mean, we can't take the mineroller through the base?).

So you can see that the 77 of us in RHQ have been busy. We have had our fun and our funny times as the photographs may indicate. If things got boring you could always watch the Ops O panic in the CP. To all those who have worked so hard and so long in RHQ - thanks.



"You can stop digging, IO - we are moving again" - Sgt St-Amand, the in Sgt during Munsingen trg.



"You want us to lay line **where?**" - Cpl Kavanagh, MCpl Tellier, MCpl Desmarais, Cpl Gendron and Cpl Hentschel.



"AFV recognition - **what** is it" - Capt Haindl, Sgt St-Amand, Cpl Chercuitte and 93 during Munsingen 86.



"Planning the Battle" – the CO and 21C discuss "tactics".



"Singing in the Rain" – Cpls Martin, Brown, Prentiss and MCpl Seaward on exercise.



"Hard at Work" – Cpl Wilkie, Cpl Ward, Cpl Poirier, Cpl Passant, Cpl Brown, Cpl Ries and Cpl Chercuitte.



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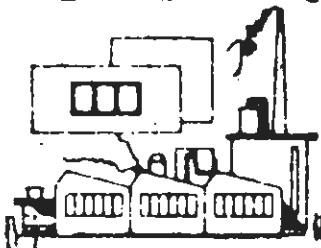
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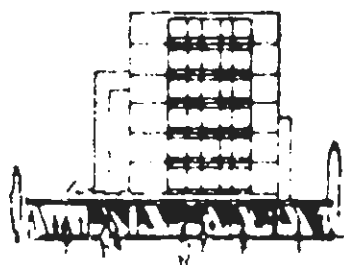
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MISSING FROM PHOTO: Cpl Babson, Sgt Barnes, Cpl Berry, MCpl Bezeau, Cpl Booth, MCpl SC Brown, MCpl Burgoyne, MWO Cady, Cpl Caouette, MCpl Carter, MCpl Connors, Cpl Dallaire, Cpl Deevey, Cpl Derry, MCpl Dion, Cpl Dupuis, Cpl Evans, Cpl Fitzpatrick, Cpl Foster, Cpl Handgraaf, Cpl Hentschel, Cpl Jenkins, Cpl Kelly, Cpl Labonte, Cpl Lariviere, Cpl Laskovic, Sgt Locke, Cpl Lucy, MCpl RH MacDonald, Cpl Malcolm, Cpl Manny, Cpl McDonald, Cpl McLean, Cpl Moakler, Cpl Pevie, Cpl Poole, MCpl Rideout, MCpl Ross, Cpl Savoie, Cpl Smith, Cpl Talbot, Cpl Taylor, MCpl Tellier, MCpl Tolmie, Cpl Train, Cpl Turcotte, Cpl Vanheddegem, Cpl Watson, Cpl Worrell.

HEADQUARTERS SQUADRON

Once again Headquarters Squadron has completed a busy yet successful year. To refresh all you non-Headquarters Squadron personnel we are totally unlike any sabre squadron, in that our mission is different. Headquarters Squadron's role is to support the Regiment in any of its undertakings. To perform this role we are configured differently with several specialist organizations. These include Regimental Headquarters (even though they like to consider themselves an entity all on their own), Regimental Maintenance, Quartermaster, Headquarters Squadron Maintenance and Regimental Transport. This whole organization is coordinated through a Squadron Headquarters.

REGIMENTAL MAINTENANCE. Regimental Maintenance has indeed strived to make the impossible possible again this year. The technical support personnel with their swollen egos have managed to get through another year with usually the right answers, sometimes for the right reasons, but always the right questions. Regimental Maintenance comprises of a Control Office, Weapons Section, Fire Control System Section, Spare Parts Servicing Section (SPSS), and Material Technician section all controlled by the Equipment Technical Sergeant Major (ETSM) and the Maintenance Officer (and we thought the Padre had a rough job). All sections have participated to tanks have been the boon and druggery of all sections. Welding the same plate 59 times while lying on your back on cold steel is not MCpl Sepper's idea of fun, and he lets all concerned know.

Regimental Maintenance works together towards a common goal to keep our equipment (and yours of course) in the highest state of operational readiness. SPSS under the direction of Sgt Duchaine (I can't return that to Base Supply fame) whips his troops into a frenzy whenever 88S arrives from B-41 (Supply Depot). The excellent support his section gives leaves little to be desired (one never knows how to take that statement). Regimental Maintenance is a dedicated organization, looking somewhat like an octopus spread as in all directions, but always serving the Regiment to the best of its abilities.



HQ Sqn 21/C, Capt Carswell, in 8A. Things are going well, note the smile.



MCpl Kearney, "The hunch-back of Notre-Dame reincarnate", or would you believe, "HQ Sqn Air sentry"!



The infamous WO Steinke on the Regt forced march – "No directions from the Reiseburo required".



Cpl Babson and Cpl Train taking a breather.

This year brought major changes to Regimental Maintenance - the breaking in of all new section supervisors except for the ETSM. His main job was to quickly mold the organization into a fine fighting force by FALLEX, and changed his outlook on life. Some notable quotes during FALLEX: MCpl Gauthier 4 Service Battalion to Sgt Palubskie, "This is how you cam a vehicle to the 4 Service Battalion standard", or, the most famous of all often heard just before any road move, "If this is STEINKE'S REISEBURO, then I definitely want to go on this move - Berlin or Bust!!!"

Another change to Regimental Maintenance was the addition of three Materials Technicians headed up by MCpl Rideout. These versatile personnel round out the EME Branch; they can now make the equipment run, have it heated, give it lights and even put a tarp over it. Regimental Maintenance is manned by hard-working, fun-loving dedicated personnel looking forward to an exciting changing year with wide open eyes.

Arte et Marte.

REGIMENTAL QUARTERMASTER. As in previous years the Regimental Quartermaster (QM) staff was busy, providing support to the Regiment in garrison and on all the exercises. They also took time out to complete a major stocktaking for the Commanding Officer's Change of Command. Unfortunately with SPRING-BOK-CORONET arriving, this stocktaking will have to be done again - maybe we will find the million dollars worth of equipment that went missing! No wonder Cpl Fortin drives a Porsche! Thank God for exercises-even though the Squadron Quartermaster Sergeants spend so much time in the stores you would almost think they wanted to remuster. Hopefully, WO Moore (A Squadron) will be back on tanks soon.

A small changeover in the staff this year created a few hic-cups, yet with the perserverance and weird sense of humour everything fell into place. The QM staff have learned one thing throughout the year, no matter how odd the request somebody has one better.



Cpl Turcotte and Sgt Good diligently manning 8B, as always under the auspices of the Quartermaster, Capt Blashill.



Members of HQ Sqn Maintenance Troop hard at work - Munsingen 86.

HEADQUARTERS SQUADRON MAINTENANCE. Headquarters Squadron Maintenance section has had its normal busy year. Keeping the Squadron's vehicles roadworthy at all times (almost) has been a great way to keep in touch with other people in the Squadron. Normal statements that Maintenance encounters from the drivers...

(1) from the Driver – "I didn't know that."

(2) from Transport – "When will it be ready?"

(3) from Ops – "Why isn't it fixed?"

(4) from SPSS – "It's on order."

(5) from the Vehicle Technicians – "Because."

All of this was handled by Sgt (I'll get back to you later) McIntyre. His right hand man being Sgt (Goodwrench) Murphy who directed (dumped on) MCpl's Bob Carter, John Fougere, Warren Burke and our portly parts procurer Percy Ross. Things worked out well of course, all vehicles arrived in Munsingen because of the expert preparation provided by Cpl's Mike Potts, Serge Giguere, Bruce Nicolle, Norm Ringuette, Ken Watson, Brad Belbin, Al Mc Lean, Guy Morin, Renault Jean and of course Roger Yarrow, our tire man. "Tires go bald between Lahr and Munsingen you know (?)."

During the Munsingen Exercise, maintenance was tasked to provide a foot recce (?) (veh Tech's) patrol. Their mission was to infiltrate RHQ's (chuckle) position undetected, but to make the visit known. So, the graffiti on the side of the "CP", was with the compliments of patrol commander, Capt Carswell (I told you so) and your friendly 88 call signs. Well done Cpl Belbin.

Prior to FALLEX, maintenance changed Tp WO's as Sgt McIntyre is now a WO in Recce Sqn Maint, and WO Guy Côté became the new leader. WO Côté, even after a last ditch effort, still did not win the moustache growing contest. The contest was won by Cpl Giguere (he must marinate that thing). The booby prize went to Cpl Belbin, taking MCpl Fougere off the hook for not winning that dubious title for the third year in a row. Accolades are in order for MCpl Fougere as the combat vehicle tech of the Headquarters Squadron's "Rapid Reaction Force." Nobody goes bumming spare blank GPMG ammo in Headquarters Squadron, do they?

With the coming of the GOC's Inspection, ATI and the re-badging of the unit, sentiments are mixed but efforts and results will be maintained. Headquarters Squadron maintenance troop looks forward to another challenging year.

REGIMENTAL TRANSPORT. Transport – that mystical organization that consists of an endless supply of crewmen and vehicles, especially MLVW's and 5/4T Cargo's. If the troop had the vehicles or, the soldiers that everyone thinks they have, there would be none left to man the Regiment.

Actually, transport consists of three sections: Cargo, POL and M548's, all held together by a small HQ

(some times compared to a three-ring circus, or, who is who in the zoo!).

Transport has two disguises – Garrison and Exercises. In garrison, they perform a lot of mundane tasks like paperwork, duty driver, barmen, gate guards, and cleaning vehicles and N50. Also, they do any small tasks such as driver training, hauling garbage, providing assistance and vehicles to just about everyone, and finally maintaining a fleet of M548's at the ammo compound. Exercise is where transport earns its money. There are usually not enough hours in the day to fulfill all of their tasks. These tasks include POL refueling anytime, anywhere; delivering and handling ammo, rations and salvage; transporting troops for recreational runs and showers; and last but not least picking up and disposing of garbage.

Posting season this year saw a large change in transport; essentially, it was doubled in size and given its own Captain as a Troop Leader (Zoo Keeper/Circus Master) making it by far the largest troop in the Regiment standing at 58 pers and at any given time approx 35 vehs.

Transport is often a thankless and demanding job, but without them the regiment would quickly grind to a halt. "Keep on truckin!"

SQUADRON HEADQUARTERS. 86/87 saw the reins of command pass from Maj Mike "Fix It" Appleton to Maj B.J. "Cold Steel" Forsyth. Along with this change came a complete redefinition of the Squadron's role. Not only is the squadron to be responsive to every need of the Regiment but they must also be prepared during operations to provide a flying column to put paid to evil doers in the Regiment rear area. This worked great – once! The other time a few basics of "Infanteering" were learned such as how to attack a sixty man German parachute company with all their support weapons, with only twenty men. Headquarters Squadron lost that one badly. Not a lot else to say about the new centre of the heart and soul of the Regiment other than the CO can detach any or all of his Squadrons except Headquarters, so now you tankers and kiddy car commandoes know who really controls the functions of the Regiment.

All in all, Headquarters Squadron has enjoyed a very busy (as usual) year, starting with WINTEX in Jan and culminating with a quick trip to Graf in Dec (so who was the grinch who stole Christmas?). Headquarters Squadron is a very large and diverse organization comprised of many highly skilled individuals all dedicated to the same common goal – to support the Regiment in all its undertakings. This time next year Germany will just be a recent memory, with the sunny, rainy, cold, beautiful, hot and dusty climate of Petawawa prevailing. All the best to those remaining in Germany and likewise all the best to those picking up the reins in Petawawa.



TOP ROW: Tpr Glen, Tpr MacCormack, MCpl Goodwin, Cpl Faucher, Tpr McPeake, Tpr Franklin, MCpl Morton, MCpl Davey, Tpr Boulter, Cpl Rochefort, Tpr Pelletier, Tpr Hanna, Tpr McGory, Tpr McElroy, Cpl Hudecki, Tpr Devos, MCpl Needham, Tpr Dickersin, MCpl Cox.

2nd ROW (from top): Pte Longpre, Tpr Deveaux, MCpl Desabrais, Tpr Coull, Cpl Nearing, MCpl Larouche, Pte Ladouceur, Cpl Touzin, Tpr Carper, Cpl Park, Cpl Berry, Cpl Musgrave, Cpl Nayel, Cpl Harding, MCpl Reid, Tpr Bouillon, Tpr Johnson, MCpl Taylor, Tpr Sheppard, Tpr Stafford, MCpl Legge.

3rd ROW: Tpr MacLean, Tpr Lawrence, Tpr Mercer, Cpl Deraiche, MCpl Murphy, Cpl Tapley, Tpr Antle, Tpr Noiseux. MCpl Cameron, Cpl Dube, Tpr Benson, Tpr Atkinson, MCpl Langille, MCpl Pent-

land, Tpr Pollock, Tpr Kerton, MCpl Needham, Cpl Smith, MCpl Bohnisch, Cpl Tutty, Tpr Crabb, Tpr Laughlin.

4th ROW: Cpl Gignac, Tpr Walters, Cpl Savoie, MCpl Farris, Cpl Yuung, Tpr Ross, Cpl Carter, Cpl Pike, Tpr Perry, Cpl Reid, Tpr Pineo, Tpr Martin, Cpl Shaw, Cpl Blundell, Tpr MacDonald, Cpl Moss, Cpl Dykeman, Tpr Mueller, Cpl Easson, Tpr Wilson, Tpr Agnew, Tpr Smaldon, Tpr Marrs, MCpl Las-saline, Sgt McCarthy.

5th ROW: Sgt Dunphy, Sgt Timbury, Sgt Brownell, Sgt Coombs, WO Mulholland, WO Senecal, WO McDougall, 2LT Martins, Lt Maddison, MWO Childs, Maj Richmond, Capt Hale, Capt Cessford, Lt Royer, 2LT Newton, WO Leblanc, WO Ingram, WO Sparling, Sgt Wesley, Sgt Rice, Sgt Mellish, Sgt Moreau.

C SQUADRON GAGETOWN

As C Force reviews 1986 we ask ourselves how we made it through the year and say that 87 can't possibly be as hectic. We then remember that we made the same comment in 85 and 84, and 83, etc., etc. January started calm enough with the Annual Maint Inspection on the Leopard combined with the ATI by base. Sqn results were outstanding and a special droop of the old gun barrel goes to Maint and Adm Tp for their extra efforts.

For those who completed maint, the balmy temperatures of February set the scene for our winter camping trip involving a week of dry refresher training followed by overnight activities. The holiday was concluded by a 15 km march with rucksacks and muckluks – definitely the highlight of the exercise. GRUNT!

C Force had no sooner put away their toboggans when gunnery refresher began under the watchful eye of the SGO, Lt Holton and the SGWO, WO Leblanc. Maj Hug surprised everyone by bugging out 1 and 2 Tps early on a Sunday morning, moving them to the range to train with 3 and 4 Tps. Now, that's concurrent activity. The camp ended with a Sqn shoot and the overall gunnery competition being won by 1 Tp.

C Force conducted Ex ROYAL SPRINGBOK I sometime between spring holidays, AOCT Ph III, TQ 6A, Cbt Arms Offr Selection Board, and Trials and Evaluations. Undoubtedly the highlight of the training year, this ex combined the elements of the entire Sqn, G Coy 2 RCR, a Regt (+) of Arty, AVLBs and sappers of 22 Fd, 2RCR mortars and a host of interested bystanders. The ex concluded with two days of full livefire training through the trg areas. Aside from a few holes in tool boxes, jerry cans and 39E, all went very well. ROYAL SPRINGBOK I will most certainly be repeated in 87.

May gave the Sqn the opportunity to reinforce the informal association established in 85 with the 1st Sqn/26th Cav, Mass. National Gd, as a contingent conducted a liaison visit to the unit's home station near Boston. This weekend respite became more important as we returned to Gagetown and deployed for training, only to abruptly halt the rigors of war to fight the Great Gagetown Fire. This infamous fire, the smoke of which could be seen for over 100 kms, was fought with other base units and civilian authorities. In a strange twist of fate, sqn personnel had to move guns belonging to 5 RALC out of the way of the approaching inferno and are credited with yet once more "saving the guns". Not South Africa, but we should claim another battle honour for this one.

In June, C Force was deployed in support of the 5eGBC Ex MAITRE GUERRIER. The ex involved working with various infantry companies as cbt tms and as a fire base for a dismounted battalion attack. Later that same evening 2 and 3 tps were charged with practising an interesting white light technique by leading two companies through the fog to the attack position for yet another deliberate attack. Of particular interest was the inability of C/S 99's air observer to locate the Sqn



"The Wall" – The Leliefontein 86 Obstacle Course.

in open leaguer after flying over top of the tanks three times!

With the close of June, the Sqn said goodbye to Maj Greg Hug and welcomed the new CO, Maj John Richmond. Having been the BC of C Force from 81-84, Maj Richmond was no stranger to the Sqn and Gagetown, although he was evidently pleased and surprised to see how quickly his tank would stop in an unprecedented mounted advance-in-review-order.

The Squadron quickly shifted into high gear for Semi-Annual Maintenance Inspections, summer leave and unit taskings. Taskings included Ex COMMON GROUND for Armd and Inf Ph IV Offr Graduates, support for Armd Ph III Offr Trg, and the CTC Grad Pde. A special thanks to WOs Mulholland and Ingram and Cpl MacKinnon for ensuring that a secret Centurion ARV made it all the way through the roll past during the 50th Anniversary of the Armour School.

By mid-August SSM Childs was settling all the new faces into the Sqn as the 21C, Capt Hale, and the BC, Capt Cessford, were fighting for command in case a certain CO didn't make it back from his marathon coast-to-coast motorcycle ride with his mascot TIPPY riding the gas tank. Not to worry – he made it and we deployed for three weeks of field training which culminated in 2 Tp under WO Senecal winning the honours as best troop during the troop tests, superimposed on the Sqn final ex.

Post-ex brought the expected maint and clean-up and another parade, this time the rain-soaked CTC Change of comd from BGen Kells to BGen Geddry. A week later the entire Sqn was out in the bowling alley to put on the king of all Displays and Presentations – Ex MOBILE WARRIOR.

As the cries of "Please sir, can you introduce me to my family?" echoed throughout K-17, the Sqn settled into the fall trg period to conduct PCF crses in D&M and Crse. Due to limited resources Lt Royer and WO Leblanc conducted the gnry crse between 1600 and 0200 hrs daily. This crse also helped bring home the reality of the Regt's return to Canada as six of the candidates were members of the 8CH from Petawawa, due for rotation during Ex SPRING CORONET.



Gagetown fire – "Saving the guns".



Mens' Christmas Dinner.



Mens' Christmas Dinner.



Promotions – MCpl Carter, MCpl MacWhirter, MCpl Payne, Cpl Deraiche.



Dragoons at the Association weekend in Toronto – Nov 86.



BGen Geddry presents Cpl Desabrais with the Trophy for the top student of the CTC Combat Leaders Course.

THE GOVERNOR GENERAL'S HORSE GUARDS

1986 was another year of hard but successful work. New equipment programmes and challenging standards of training are making life more exciting for those who subscribe to the Regiment's motto of *Nulli Secundus*.

The Spring involved our annual series of field training exercises, qualification training, and the training of two crews for the Ramshead Competition. There were few spare weekends to be had but the sacrifice was worth it, especially for our Ramshead team which came in second in troop competition. Lost vacation time was not worthwhile for the troop which went to Petawawa for a week as the service warranties on all three Cougars expired on Day One.

The highlight of a course-filled Summer was MILCON in Meaford where the composite regiments of GG's, Ont R and 8 CH was commanded by Horse Guards (which shouldn't really come as a surprise to anybody). The final exercise was a complete success. The valiant squadron, followed by lesser components of the battlegroup, beat the stuffing out of a parcel of unfortunate infantrymen disguised as motor rifle troops from an unnamed superpower. In the usual militia fashion unexpected features were incorporated into the exercise; Burmese Cougar traps were provided by overgrown root cellars while poison ivy patches were pressed into service as contaminated areas.

The Fall began with the cheery staccato of small arms fire – blank on exercise Tiger Stalk and ball on the annual small arms qualification weekend. As the last echoes died away the annual training cycle was re-born. The 1985 vintage troopers began their Cougar gunnery and D&M courses while 1986 recruits continued their indoctrination into the mysteries of service life.

No year-end report would be complete without some mention of drill and ceremonial. Alas, with all of our training demands, there was little time for this activity. At MILCON we were on parade for the re-dedication of the LCol "Johnny" Andrews Hangar in Meaford. The rollpast in Cougars was an unusual experience to those accustomed to doing it on horseback. We also took part in the 50th anniversary of the Armour School at Camp Borden. We had the honour to be inspected by General Worthington's widow. The Riding Club and our band continued to provide the Canadian public with a degree of "pomp and circumstance" which would otherwise be lacking at many civic events.

All in all 1986 was a good year, and 1987 promises to be even better. With the move of the RCD back to Canada we hope to see more of you. (The Regiment is active on Tuesday and Friday evenings, as well as most weekends).



MCpl David, WO Paquin, Cpl Thompson. Was the joke by him or about him?

REGIMENTAL CHANGE OF COMMAND

On 25 June, LCol R.G. Meating assumed command of The Royal Canadian Dragoons from LCol D.J.Graham. There to witness the act were BGen George Bell, Colonel of the Regiment, BGen Jack Dangerfield, commander 4 CMBG, and MGen D. P. Wightman, commander Canadian Forces Europe. The regiment was well turned out despite the heat, and the roll past was as it should be – hard and fast. The regiment took advantage of this occasion to bid farewell to LCol Graham and his family. In his address the outgoing commanding officer thanked all ranks for their support over the last two years, describing his time here as the best of his career. He is now off to Canadian Land Forces Command and Staff College in Kingston where he will join the directing staff. The Dragoons were also pleased to welcome the new commanding officer, LCol Meating, and his family back, once again to the regimental family.

The change of command is officially concluded.



The reviewing party inspects A squadron.





Lt Follwell and MCpl Alberto salute during the rollpast.



LCol Meating returns the guidon to its bearer MWO S. R. Ballard.



The old and the new.



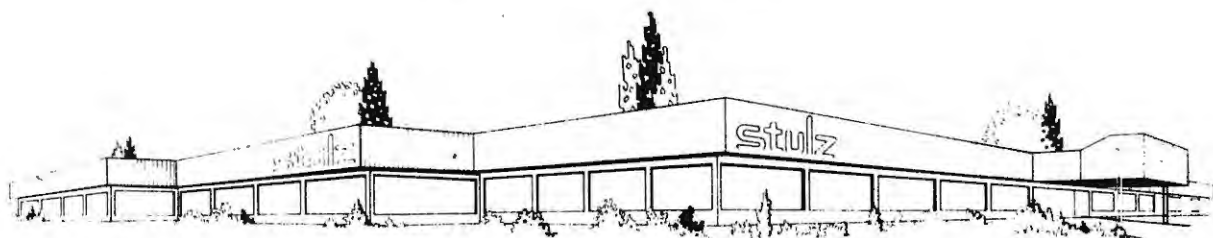


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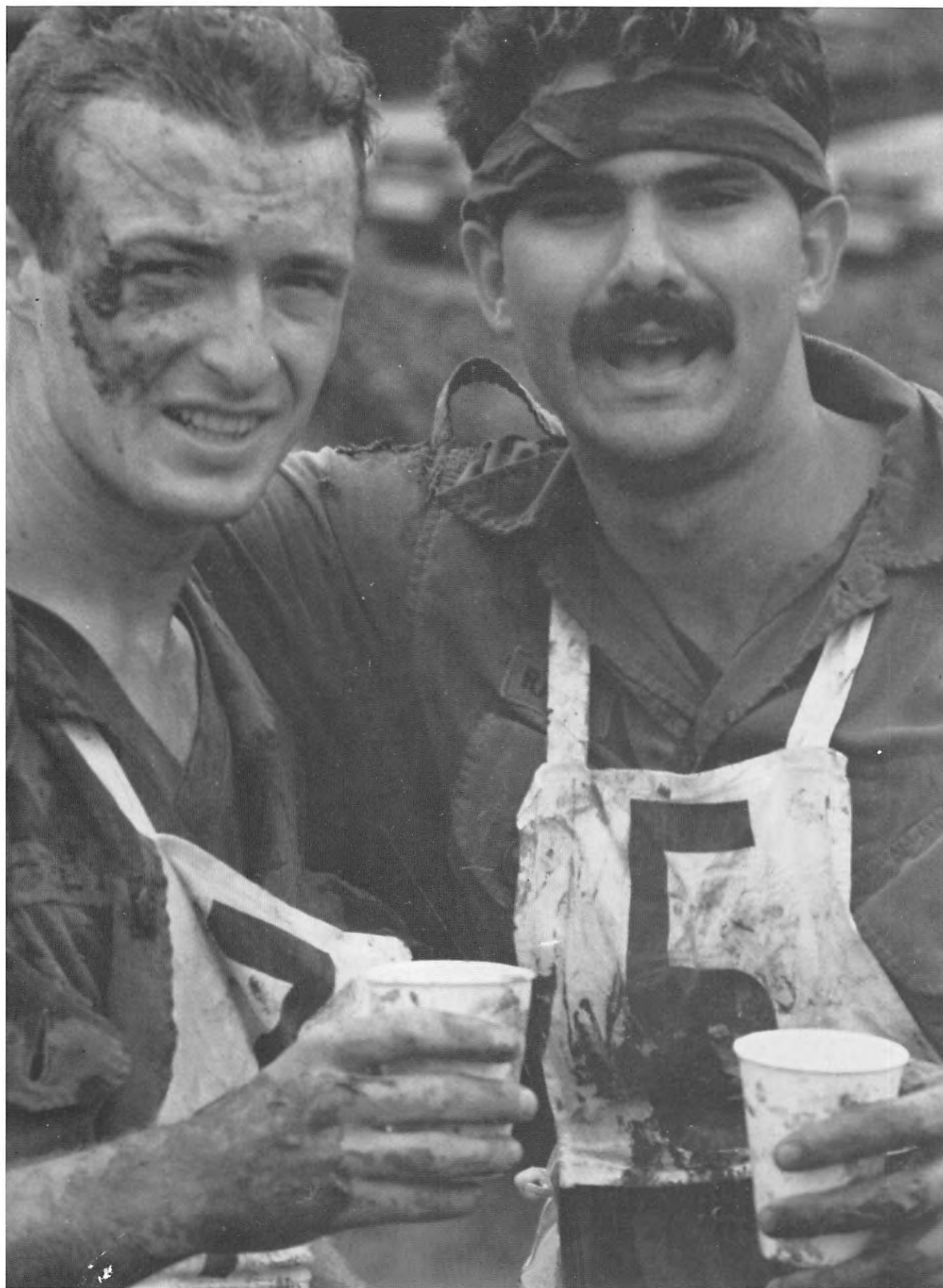
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BOESELAGER 1986





1986 Boeselager team.



"I think I'm dead."



Thats right, we're bad.



PROST



Capt McKillip sorting things out.

BOESELAGER 86

The 1986 Boeselager competition was held in the hills on Sontra, a small town located east of Kassell, close to the inner German border. A quiet, pleasant town, Sontra's very proximity to the Warsaw Pact underlined the purpose behind the presence of so many allied armies, represented here by their Boeselager teams.

The Boeselager Competition, named after Colonel von Boeselager, an anti-Nazi war hero from the Second World War, is an armoured reconnaissance competition held every year by the Bundeswehr. Teams from all NATO nations are invited and this year there were a total of 22 teams taking part. Ten German teams, each representing one of the armoured reconnaissance battalions of the Bundeswehr, competed in the German class. Twelve teams from Belgium, France, Italy, the Netherlands, Turkey, Great Britain, the United States and of course from Canada competed in the Allied class.

Reconnaissance Squadron provided the team for this year's event. Unfortunately, various training commitments and priorities resulted in a very short training period for the team. The final results posted on the scoreboard did not smile on the Canadian team. However, a supreme effort was put forward by all of the competitors and their efforts were out of proportion to the results achieved.

Boeselager is truly the Olympic games of armoured reconnaissance. Genuine athletes, supported by extensive organizations and given plenty of training time are the stuff of victory in this competition. As each year passes the level of achievement, just as at the Olympics, rises ever higher and higher. 1987 will be the Dragons last year of participation in Boeselager for the immediate future. With a little luck and a lot of work perhaps it will be our best year.



And they're off.



MCpl Longmuir after obstacle course.

And there's the pitch.



CAN LOAN OFFICERS



Some assimilated into the Regiment better than others.



The CAN LOAN officers are sent to Germany to train with tanks – or so they think!

It had been four years since I had seen a Leopard when I arrived in July to become the first 8CH "rental" officer in over a year and the troop leader of c/s 33. It looked like it was going to be an excellent tour when I was able, after only two hints from my new crew, to successfully find my position in the tank and, with minimal damage to the surrounding area, crew command my tank on to the train for our first phase of tactical training in Munsingen and Hohenfels. My excitement at being given an opportunity to train in Europe was soon exceeded by my surprise at the fact that training areas "over here" can be just as muddy and bug infested as those "back there". At least Canada does not have wild boar the size of Volkswagons to disturb you while you are leaning over a log answering the call of nature.

Back in garrison in August and September the pace actually picked up as I pounded out 20 km with the forced march team and began preparing for the next phase of Fall Ex. Barely surviving a vicious round of "subbie" parties I staggered off into the German countryside for a taste of the large scale exercises that can only be found in Europe. Rolling through the towns and villages of Bavaria, living off the "brockies and fries" of the famous C Sqn canteen, I did not think that life could get any better. Back in garrison again I was proven wrong when, after a flurry of maintenance and cleaning, the Leliefontein celebrations brought along several social events followed by a series of Christmas parties in the mess and at the troop and squadron levels. Somewhat dazed, but very grateful to the RCD and C Sqn for their hospitality, I took off for Canada in December. I was sorry to leave what I consider to be a well trained and very professional regiment.

In between my battles with Base R&D and the researching of the Adj's Christmas present, I was "asked" to submit an article to the Springbok about being a LdSH (RC) Can Loan. Well, here goes...

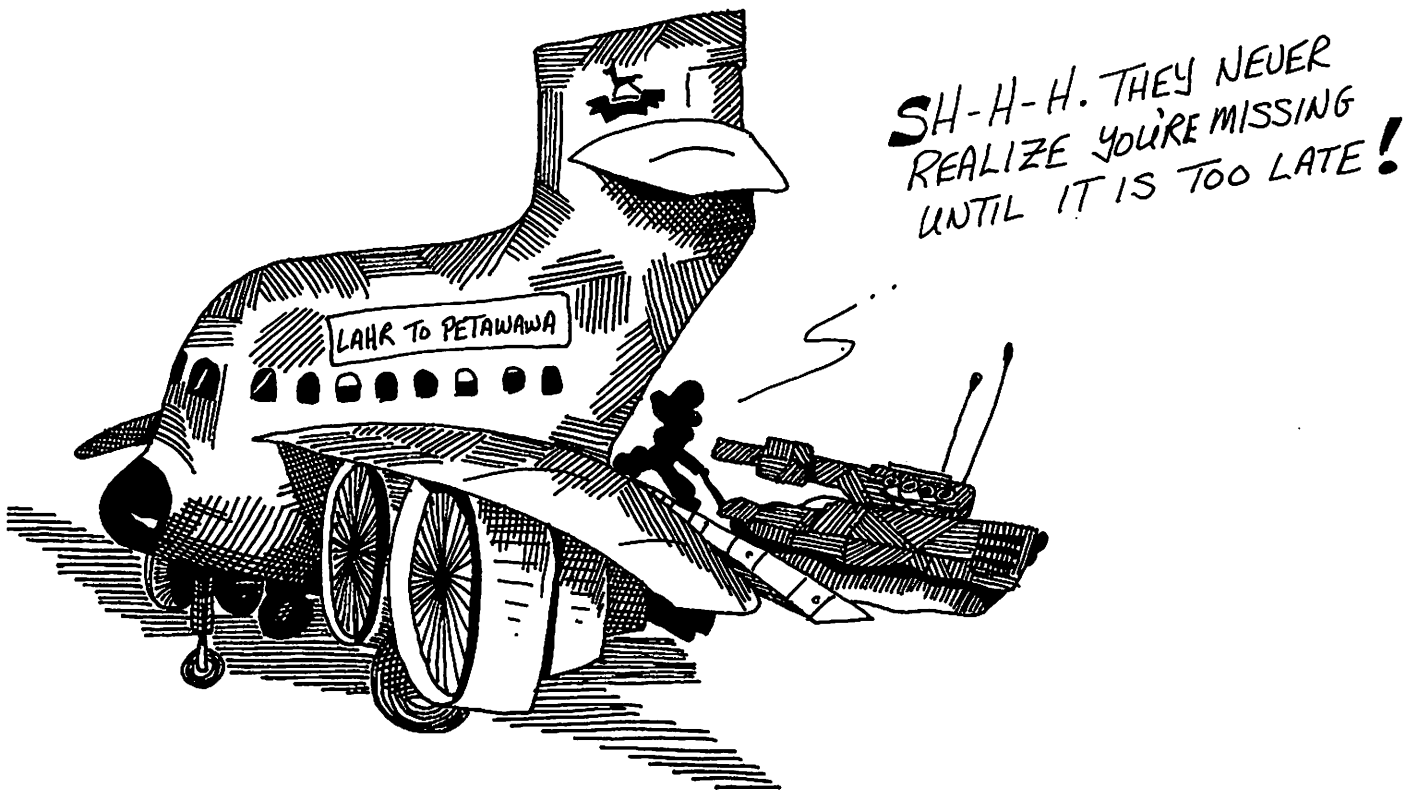
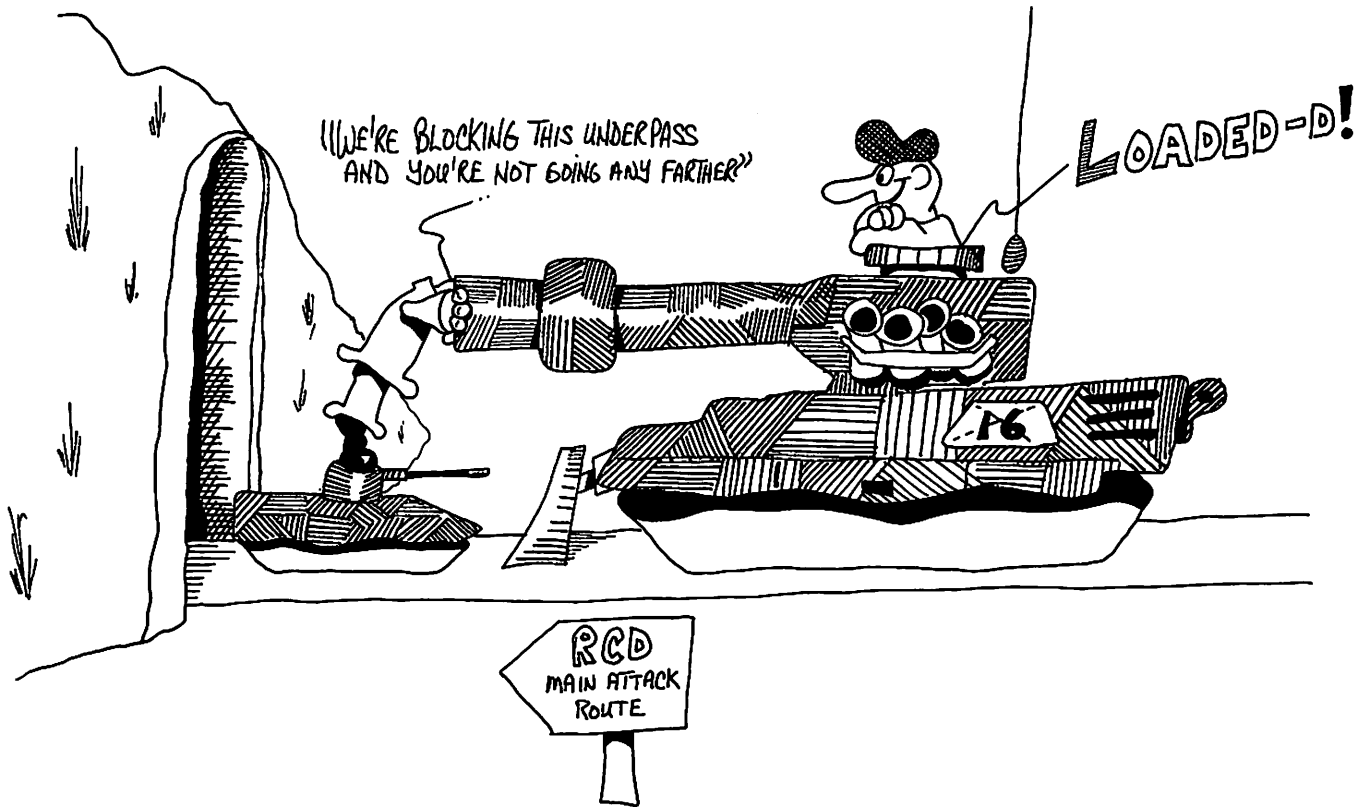
The „Can Loan“ program is a very useful and enjoyable experience. Every six months the Strathcona's pick someone they'd rather not see for a long, long while, and send him over to Germany for quality control duties with the RCD. From the beginning Lt Bob Lawson (The Hoosar) and I realized we had our work cut-out for us. Naturally, the first thing we did was to team-up, buy the Death Star (our affectionate name for our Volkswagon Bug dragster) and head out on the town to sample the Lahr night life.

Bob chose to tackle the job of preparing the RCD for their return to the "real world". I took on the project of testing the battle strength of the Leopard CI. They must have been on to us, however, for they pre-empted our research almost immediately. We were treated to the more enjoyable side of being a subaltern; summary investigations, week long aide jobs, and the "piece de resistance", USHERING for the Leliefontein parade.

Fortunately, all this fun didn't last and I had to get down to my original project – testing the tank. After very ZEALOUS research I have, I'm sorry to say, an unfavourable report. It can safely be said that Maj Macdonald was amazed at how easy his tanks fell apart. As a matter of fact that's all he seem to talk about when my name is mentioned! At any rate, I made my report through the Maint O's monthly damage reports. The Leopard cannot even withstand a glancing blow from a 2000 year old elm tree nor a sideswipe from a simple farm tractor trailer.

Well, that's my story and I'm sticking with it. I can honestly say I had a really good time. We call the RCD a lot of things out West but I'll be calling you good hosts. Thanks for the fun, see you on RV 89 in the Gunboats, and I'm sorry I broke a few of your toys. Perservance!

THE HUGH EGNER PAGE



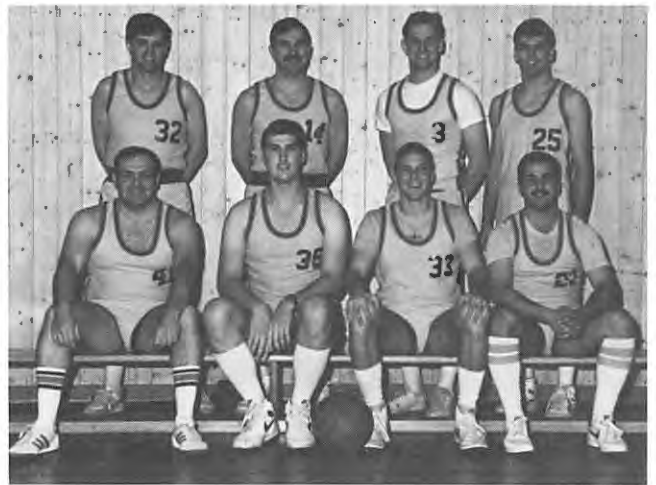
THE YEAR IN SPORTS

Regimental sports this year benefitted from an increase in participation and interest from all levels of the Regiment. Competition took on a new meaning as was obvious by the intensity with which squadrons prepared for the annual Regimental Sports Day. For the first time in a while the Regiment put an active interest in the Brigade Sports Day and went all out to prepare. As a result, we moved from the bottom of the heap to 3rd, just behind the two infantry "sport" battalions. Despite stiff competition the RCD walked away with 2 gold and numerous silver and bronze medals.

In September a new twist was added to regimental sports with the introduction of the Regimental Harriers Run. This 10 km run around the airfield saw everyone competing. It has since become a regular event and has done much to increase the level of fitness in the regiment. An example is Tpr Yelle who advanced to the CFE regional cross-country team that went to the nationals in Canada.

Another new introduction was the Triathlon held on Liefontain Sports Day. Consisting of three events; running 10 km, biking 20 km, and swimming 800m, it was a success which will be a regular part of the celebrations in the future.

A sport competition with the 5/68th Armor Bn was started late in the year and the saw the Regiment sending a variety of teams north to Mannheim. The results of the day's events were pretty well split evenly and everyone had a good time especially the bowlers.



More of such occasions are planned for the new year. In Brigade/Base sports, the RCD/4CER Springboks placed fourth, and at time of going to press, were doing well in the first half of the 86/87 season. The same can be said for this year's 86/87 Regimental Volleyball team. More on them in Springbok '87. The Regiment was also well represented in broomball, basketball and baseball.

There can be no doubt that this new awareness of sports in the Regiment has done much to improve the overall fitness levels within the Regiment and to increase its sense of accomplishment.







BRIGADE SPORTS DAY



This year's Brigade Sports Day saw the RCD move from the bottom of the heap into a more respectable position, third, behind the two infantry battalions. A high priority was given to training, which began in June, and for the first time in years the Regiment was ready when the day came.

In the running events, Lt Darrell Allin broke a Brigade record in the 400m and carried off a gold medal in the effort. MCpl Dave Kell broke a record in the 100m, reaping a gold, and also won a silver in the 200m. In the 800m Cpl Karl Malecznski won the silver, followed closely by Tpr Norman Yelle and MCpl Steve McNichol who finished fifth and sixth. In the 1500m, MCpl McNicholl and Tpr Yelle again competed, finishing third and sixth respectively. Lt Bob Lawson put in a fine performance as he ran the 5000m on the heels of the forced march, and finished fourth.

It was obvious that running was our strength. The Regiment did, however, place finalists in the discus, long jump and triple jump events. A determined forced march team finished only minutes behind the winning team, placing third overall. The tabloid and harriers teams finished third, and the tug-of-war team placed fifth. Overall, the Regiment fared very well in the face of stiff competition, and certainly established itself as a force to be reckoned with in future competitions.



THE ROYAL CANADIAN DRAGOONS

SNAPSHOTS IN TIME

100 YEARS AGO – A century ago The RCD were winding down from their recent participation in the North-West Rebellion. Typically, Canada's answer to peace was demobilization (if, of course, one can call the state of national response to Louis Riel "mobilization"). The cavalry expertise of the Canadian Army became the responsibility of the Cavalry School and of the Mounted Infantry School located in Quebec and Winnipeg respectively. A total of 108 soldiers, both officers and other ranks, passed through the schools during the year. Although no great events took place over the year, it was duly noted that discipline was impeccable with virtually no defaulters and not a single court martial (a performance repeated in 1887!).



50 YEARS AGO – 1936 was a year of international turmoil highlighted by events in Abyssinia, China and Germany. The world was gearing up for another war but Canada was still in the grip of depression. A new organization called for the conversion of cavalry regiments to armoured car regiments but no equipment was available for these "War Plan" organizations. In any case, the CO of the Dragoons was violently opposed to the idea of tanks or armoured cars replacing horses, maintaining that the mobility and flexibility of horsemen could not be matched by tanks. NBCW training took place outside Toronto that same year for both men and horses with the result that all were winded after a short charge due mainly to the filters in the respirators which had become caked through long disuse.



25 YEARS AGO – The Dragoons, based in Gagetown, were called to Newfoundland to fight forest fires. After seven weeks of intensive firefighting the men returned to the relative calm of Gagetown. On the political front, a range of proposals went across Army planning tables, including an almost-accepted plan for the conversion of The RCD to a reconnaissance regiment using armoured cars.



10 YEARS AGO – The decision was made to keep main battle tanks in the Army's inventory of equipment. Leopard was selected, for a variety of reasons, and continues on to today as the principal weapon system of the Canadian Armoured Corps.

DRAGOONS DIVE IN ITALY

By Capt R.A. Puddister

What do the Italian Riviera, Scuba diving and C Squadron, have in common? Exercise Poseiden I, C Squadron's adventure training program.

Poseiden I was a 10-day Scuba diving expedition off the coast of Livorno, Italy, which marked the culmination of a year long project.

The project was the idea of the officer commanding C Squadron, Maj Rick Hillier. In July 1985 he wanted an adventure training program that would fire the imagination of the squadron. Scuba diving fitted the bill.

To prepare for the expedition, the squadron launched into a year of training. After the fall exercises the squadron conducted a series of swim classes and tests. During February and early March the Scuba course itself was conducted by the Lahr Sub-Aqua Club. During evenings and on Sunday mornings the squadron's soldiers could be seen attending the theory and pool classes. The foreign soon became familiar. The skeptics even enjoyed underwater hockey! During April the squadron conducted open water checkout dives in the Bagersee on base. Seventy students, qualified divers and instructors took part.

Meanwhile, the squadron's diver support team was busy. Through the courtesy of 4 CER 12 personnel were trained as powered assault boat operators. A shortfall of 5-ton truck drivers was eliminated by qualifying 12 drivers in a squadron-run course. A very professional course run by 4 Field Ambulance qualified 11 personnel in CPR.

Finally, the day before departure for Italy arrived and final preparations were about to be made. Then it happened – a Snowball, that is! The squadron deployed to the PSA like everyone else and waited it out. The "end ex" came and the convoy managed to get under way to Italy only a little behind schedule. The squadron was divided into two groups, with a change-around mid-way through the expedition.

The equipment and support convoy travelled to Italy via France – a 1130 km road move through three countries which took 22 hours. The remaining personnel deployed via Switzerland by bus.

The main camp was set up at the U.S. Army's Camp Darby, 10km south of Pisa, Italy. The dive site was off the rocky shoreline of Calafuria, 20 km down the coast. Each diver would complete 4-6 dives over four days (group A lost 1 1/2 days because of high seas). Each student progressed through a series of shore and boat dives supervised by the capable instructors of the Lahr Sub-Aqua Club. Finally, each diver conducted his own dive, being responsible for all the details that provided for his own and his buddy's safety. As the divers became more relaxed each dive became more enjoyable. They took the time to study their new environment and the variety of sea life in it. Each returning diver had a tale of a fight with an octopus, a lobster chase and a dozen other things.

Of course the expedition wasn't all work! The squadron's soldiers had the opportunity to visit the various attractions of the Italian Riviera. All found the Tuscany region very picturesque and its people friendly. Of course, everyone made a visit to Pisa and its famous leaning tower.

Such a large expedition involves a great deal of preparation and support. The squadron's soldiers raised over DM 21 000 to pay for the course and expedition. Various units of 4 CMBG and CFB Lahr gave outstanding support. The squadron and the regiment expresses its appreciation to 4 CER, 4 CMBG HQ and Signal Squadron, 4 Field Ambulance, the Air Traffic Control Section, the Base Fire Department and Base Maintenance (Land) for the equipment and personnel support given. Finally the Lahr Sub-Aqua Club was indispensable. Its members' contribution of off-duty time and their enthusiasm made the expedition possible.

Exercise Poseiden I capped a year of exciting adventure training for C Squadron. The opportunity to learn a new skill and perhaps a little about oneself made it so. The expeditions success was due to the efforts of every soldier in the squadron. All members enjoyed it and all will remember it.



THE ROYAL CANADIAN DRAGOONS ASSOCIATION

"THE YEAR IN REVIEW"

On behalf of the President, Ed NOKES and members of the Association I send to all ranks of the Regiment, our best wishes for the New Year. We appreciate that great things are afoot in 1987 and it is our sincere hope that all your endeavors will be crowned with success.

The Association has had a good year during the last twelve months although we have been saddened by the loss of a number of our comrades from across the country. We will miss them of course, but we have had their friendship and are the richer for this experience. The Association has grown during the year with sixteen new members coming on board. We are also heartened by the interest shown by serving members of the Regiment in maintaining a close liaison with us. It bodes well for the future.

At the Annual Meeting held in Toronto, October 24th – 26th, at the Westbury Hotel a number of topics were discussed. Among them was the Ceremonial Uniform Replacement Project. Details of your efforts were reported to us by General George Bell and Lieutenant-Colonel Dave Graham and I am certain you will find that we will rally behind the Regiment in support of the attainment of both the short and long term goals. Members are being canvassed for a commitment to the project and I am happy to tell you that results in the form of donations to the Guild have already been received. You may be interested in the action of one of our members, Harold (Shorty) LAPOINTE, who after hearing of what is being done in Lahr, challenged the other members of the Association to meet his donation of One Hundred Dollars. This may give you some idea of the enthusiasm of the two Officers mentioned above. Undoubtedly it will bear fruit. We are also interested in the archival effort and I am certain that where we can be of help as an Association, you will not find us wanting.

During the long absence of the Regiment in Europe, we have been sustained by the knowledge that in some year, you would return to Canada. Your presence here will be very beneficial for us as an organization. It will be much easier for you to learn about what we stand for and why it is that after many years away from the unit, we still have a strong desire to be related to you, the current serving members. We hope that you will think of us as a potential resource, anxious and willing to support your endeavors. We have two strong Chapters, one in the Ottawa area and the other in Toronto. Individuals and small groups belonging to the Association can be found in most Provinces. Participation by representatives from our Chapters in November 11 functions and Leliefontein activities happens each year. We march in the Warriors' Day Parade in Toronto and attend special functions that relate to the history of the Regiment. Two examples come to mind.

On Sunday, September 28th, members of the Toronto Chapter and others from the Barrie/Angus area attended the commemorative service at CFB Borden mar-

king the 50th Anniversary of the founding of the Canadian Tank School.

Approximately 200 members of the Militia representing armoured units from the Toronto Militia District provided a Guard of Honour to mark the occasion. BGEN S.V. Radley-Walters, DSO, MC, CD, Colonel Commandant of the Royal Canadian Armoured Corps took the Salute and then in company with Mrs. C.E. Worthington inspected the troops drawn up in Worthington Park. A commemorative plaque was unveiled after an address by General Radley-Walters.

On November 7th, members of the Ottawa Chapter attended a memorial service and presentation held in Lisgar Collegiate, Ottawa. Organized by Mr. Sydney Bateman of the Lisgar Alumni Association, the service was in honour of Sergeant Edward Holland, VC. Some 600 students teaching and administrative staffs, serving and retired Dragoons, as well as special guests of honour, packed the auditorium of the school. The Lisgar Alumni Association presented a memorial plaque in memory of SGT Holland, VC, who attended Lisgar Collegiate in the early 1890's as a student. Among the guests of honour were Mrs. Judy Kahn (nee Holland) a grand-daughter and Mr. Edward Holland a grandson of Sgt Holland. (Negative of photo of General Bell with Mrs. Kahn and Mr. Holland enclosed.)

The Colonel of the Regiment, BGEN G.G. Bell, MBE, CD was the keynote speaker who in addressing the assembly, outlined the evolution of the Regiment to the present day and explained the role and purpose of the unit within the framework of the Canadian Armed Forces. At the conclusion of his talk, General Bell presented a copy of the Centennial History of the Royal Canadian Dragoons, 1883 – 1983 to Mr. S. J. Glavin, Principal of the school, for inclusion in their library.

In closing I would like to invite any serving member in an ERE status to join us in our Annual Reunion. We would be pleased to send information on the dates and location to all interested parties. Good fortune to all of you in 1987.

Cy Gaskin
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Leliefontein Remembered

– 7 Nov 1900 –



Each year the Regiment celebrates the engagement at Leliefontein which occurred during the Boer War in South Africa. During this battle, three members of the Regiment were awarded the Victoria Cross – the British Commonwealth's highest decoration for Bravery.



The Colonel of the Regiment inspects Recce Sqn.



The Drum Head Ceremony.



B Gen Bell inspects A Sqn.



Lt Splane receives top gunnery crew award.



MCpl Dumas, A Sqn, receives the ETSM plagne for the best non-crewman MCpl in the Regt.



RCD OFFICERS AND BLACK HAT ASSOCIATES IN EUROPE – MESS DINNER 19 FEBRUARY 1987

FRONT ROW LEFT TO RIGHT: Maj W. L. Gorman, Maj M. G. Macdonald, LCol W. J. Coupland (8 CH – SCLO VII (US) Corps), BGen J. K. Dangerfield (CENTAG HQ and Senior Serving Dragoon) LCol R. G. Meating, BGen J. E. P. Lalonde (Comd 4CMBG), Maj B. J. Forsyth, Maj S. E. Moffat, Maj R. J. Hillier.

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OFFICERS' REST AREA



The social calendar for 1986 was both varied and stimulating. Naturally, it included the two venues most familiar to the officers, the North Marguerite Rest Area and the Black Forest Officers' Mess. The following paragraphs will serve to encapsulate the flavor of 1986.

The spring and summer season featured two luncheons and a memorable April Mess Dinner. The Change of Command Dining in was lavish and enjoyable.

All good things must come to an end, and the rotation season was celebrated with a farwell luncheon and other (particularly for one M.O. who had the audacity to wear a flight suit to the mess!) less formal ways.

Fall and winter had more scintillating joys in store for the mess membership. Western Night brought more than a few dudes out of the woodwork. It also confirmed that the Training Officer had great legs.

The fall Mess Dinner allowed older members to become acquainted with the new crop of subbies. The Mr. Vice who presided that evening gave a truly colorful display of projecting himself. He was duly rewarded for his skill.

The Regimental Officers gathered in Weissenburg during Fallex to fulfil the requirement for a belated "Regensburg Romp". Each individual was obliged to exercise his strength, ingenuity and diplomatic skills in order to meet the rigorous standards set for that occasion. The cultural (and kinetic) impact of the Canadians will not soon be forgotten by the citizens of that fair Bavarian city.

A luncheon was held to renew the affiliation between the Regiment and the American 5/68 Armour. The Regimental Officers set a standard of hospitality that left our Allies truly speechless (not to mention other important neurological functions).

Leliefontein was celebrated in the fines Dragoon style. The QRIH band, the fine food, and the unique Regimental atmosphere made the evening a very special occasion. This event provided the ideal capstone for the flurry of events that mark the most significant annual Regimental celebration.

The Christmas party was a memorable event which allowed all in attendance an opportunity to generate some real yuletide spirit. It also strengthened the bonds of the Regimental Family.

Finally, it would be remiss not to mention the celebration of each happy hour. To the subbies, Friday night led to numerous "towering" adventures. Similarly, these evenings allowed more senior members the opportunity to test the tensile strength of furniture components and the ballistic characteristics of various liquids. These activities aside, the mess continued to serve its vital function of developing camaraderie and cohesion (in a clean, manly way) among the officers.

WO AND SAR NCO REST AREA

This report comes to you amid the pre regimental move and exodus from the North Marguerite back to sunny Petawawa. 1986 saw the Rest Area increase in membership with C Sqn taking form and becoming a real part of the Rest Area functions. In July we had a change of PMC's. Thank-you to SSM Mason for a job well done and to SSM McNeil "welcome ". During the Aug time period all new members got to know each other when we had our annual Meet and Greet which was a great success.

Munsingen, Hohenfels training period was a very busy time, not having much of a chance to get the membership together. However, on return to the North Marg the Rest Area kicked off with a couple of mixed functions which were enjoyed by everybody.

Of course our annual Leliefontein parade and mess dinner was a big success with guest from 293 Panzer Battalion and the 5/68 Armour Battalion.

The cruncher came during the Officer-Snr NCO hockey game in which unfortunately the Officer's presented the RSM with the "Horse's Ass". Wait till Petawawa "Score 2-1". In Dec the Rest Area also played 1 RCHA in a very competitive hockey game with the Rest Area coming up on the short end of the stick with the final outcome 6-3.



SSM Ballard having a small problem.

The final event of the year was the annual NATO Snr NCO visit to the rest area which gave all members an opportunity to rub elbows with our Allies.

On behalf of the RSM and committee, we would like to thank the members for their efforts in 1986 and their continuing support in 1987.



NATO Sr NCO visit.

MASTER CORPORALS' MESS MENS' REST AREA

The past year in the Master Corporals' Mess has been a busy one. Once again we saw a rise in our membership, as by the end of the year we had gained 15 more members in our ranks, for a total of 117.

The first big event of the year was the Annual Rotation BB-Q in June. Mother nature didn't co-operate, and the day turned out very cold and wet. A good time was had by all who did attend though.

The annual Leliefontein Mess Dinner was once again a success. We were honoured to have the Col of the Regt and the Commanding Officer as guests. As this was to be our last dinner before rotation, a good time was had by all, and it will long be remembered.

As the Regt gets ready to rotate back to Canada, we have been busy packing and preparing to ship the belongings of the Mess to our new home in Petawawa. For those staying behind, best of luck with you new Regt, and my you enjoy as much success and fun as we all have had in the past.



The PMC receives a gift from the George Werner School.

The RCD Men's Rest Area has grown and evolved considerably in the last few years and 1986 was no exception. The new floor has finally ended the argument on how to level the legs on the new furniture.

Despite the loss of some of our best customers to the Master Corporal's Rest Area, we've managed to raise enough money to sponsor a few activities. The Sports & Games Nights were a big success. Although we got a kick out of soccer and softball was a hit, the boat races back in the Mess had everybody pulling together. The yearly rotation party was better attended by the members staying than those who were leaving this year. That in turn served to facilitate the annual discussion of who we were least likely to miss when they are gone. All jokes aside, the membership sent its sincerest wishes to those returning to Canada, for a safe journey and best of luck in their future postings.

One of the more special community services is the annual Christmas party for the students of the George Winner School for the mentally handicapped. The children get to enjoy some Christmas cheer outside their usual surroundings, and a delicious feast was laid on by the RCD Wives Club. Santa Claus (MCpl Merritt) had plenty of presents, and Capt Ward's bagpipes were a roaring success.

The PMC, Cpl Lariviere, and the executive of the Men's Rest Area send a special word of thanks to Tpr Olsen, the outgoing PMC, for all the work he has done. As the Regiment heads back to Canada the mess looks back on a highly successful year and is looking forward to an even better one in 1987.



Santa presents a Regimental montage to the school.

REGIMENTAL NOMINAL ROLL

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WO	BA	Byrne	CTC	Cpl	JC	Thivierge	12 RBC
WO	DE	Clarke	RSS Eastern	Cpl	JR	Tremblay	5GBC Valcartier
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Sgt	WG	Nairne	4 Svc Bn	Tpr	JW	Brown	8 CH
Sgt	MC	Palubeskie	CFB Borden	Tpr	EJ	Bruce	C Sqn
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MCpl	SD	McNicholl	4 Svc Bn	Tpr	JP	Dobson	12 RBC
MCpl	JR	Menard	2 Svc Bn	Tpr	JE	Dubord	12 RBC
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MCpl	JG	Sasseville	R22eR	Tpr	JC	Giroux	12 RBC
MCpl	JR	Tellier	4 Svc Bn	Tpr	GW	Heath	CTC
Cpl	DB	Asselin	C Sqn	Tpr	BM	Inglis	CTC
Cpl	JK	Beers	2 RCR	Tpr	MD	Johnson	C Sqn
Cpl	B	Belbin	2 Svc Bn	Tpr	NM	Landry	C Sqn
Cpl	JR	Baril	12 RBC	Tpr	JG	Laneuville	12 RBC
Cpl	JM	Bouchard	12 RBC	Tpr	JP	Luneau	12 RBC
Cpl	JD	Brisebois	12 RBC	Tpr	RA	Mackeage	8 CH
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Over the past year, several Dragoons have distinguished themselves in various fields, bringing credit and distinction not only to themselves, but to the Regiment as well.

WO Wayne Boone, MCpl Serge Dumas and Cpl Eric Cima were all awarded the CDS Commendation for their life-saving actions during a training accident in 1985.

In the field of sports, Capt Paul Leroux, a Dragoon presently serving at NDHQ, represented Canada at the International Military Marathon Championships held in Brazil. Tpr Norman Yelle represented CFE at the National Military Marathon Championships. Here in Lahr, Lt Darrell Allin set a new Brigade record in the 400 m race. MCpl Dave Kell was the fastest man in the Brigade, setting a new record for the 100 m dash. MCpl Steve McNicholl and Tpr Norman Yelle both broke the Brigade records for the 1500 m race. Last, but by no means least, Lt Mike Rostek won the scoring title in the CFEHL for 85/86.

All Dragoons can be justifiably proud of the efforts put forth by these men on behalf of the Regiment, CFE and Canada.

IN MEMORIUM

On 12 May, 1986, the Dragoons were saddened by the sudden death of Cpl Joseph Glenn Benoit while working in the turret of a Leopard.

Cpl Benoit was born on 31 October 1961 in Cape St. George, Newfoundland, and enrolled in the Forces on 29 March 1979 as a fire control systems technician. Cpl Benoit was a member of the mobile repair team in B Sqn.

Cpl Benoit is survived by his wife Caroline and their son Ryan David. An annual award has been created in his memory for the best LEME Cpl in CFE.

On the evening of 14 June 1986, Recce Sqn lost a comrade and soldier to an accident. Tpr Robert Snyder was killed in a one vehicle accident involving his motorcycle. Tpr Snyder was from Niagara Falls, Ontario, and served with 3rd Tp Recce Sqn since July 1985. Robert Snyder was a fine comrade and soldier who will be missed by all members of The RCD.

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 Flers-Courcelette
 Cambrai – 1917–18
 St Quentin
 Amiens
 Hindenburg Line
 St Quentin Canal
 Beaurevoir

Pursuit tu Mons
 France and Flanders – 1915–18
 Lire Valley
 Gothic Line
 Lamone Crossing
 Misano Ridge
 Sant Angelo in Salute
 Fosso Vecchio
 Italy 1944–45
 Groningen
 Bad Zwuschgebahn
 North West Europe – 1945

The names in boldface are those emblazoned on the present Guidon.